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Cattle feeding operations in the Midwest have slumped considerably from a year ago. On July 1 this year, the U. S. Department of Agriculture estimated there were about 195,000 head fewer cattle on feed in the 11 Midwestern states than the first of July last year, a drop of about 9 percent.

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During 1950, the Forest Service Reports that 208,402 fires burned 15,518,540 acres of forest land in this country, approximately the same area was burned the previous year.

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Farmers are urged to prepare now to meet next year's national defense needs for farm products by completing practices planned for 1951 under the Agricultural Conservation Program.

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Carryover stocks of 395 million bushels of old wheat and about 5.2 million bushels of rye remained in all storage positions on July 1, 1951, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

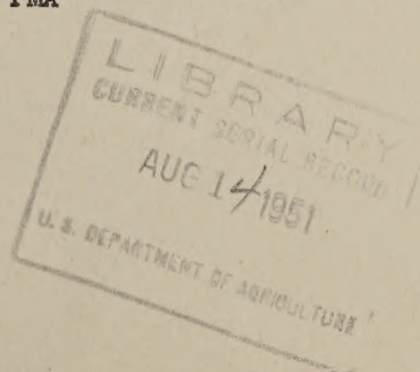
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Farmers who are carrying out the more technical soil and water conservation practices under the 1951 Agricultural Conservation Program are urged to check on specifications for these practices to make sure they meet program standards.

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An expected reduction in Australia's wool production will reduce the world supply of wool, which is already critically short. The 1951-52 output in that country may be down to 1,120 million pounds, about 5 percent below the 1950-51 output, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that potato growers in the North Central area, which includes North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and the commercial producing counties of Iowa and Indiana, favored the termination of Federal Marketing Order No. 60, as amended, in a referendum held in the area during the period July 9-13, 1951.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that farmers had put nearly 54 million bushels of 1950 crop corn under Commodity Credit Corporation price support as of June 30, 1951. This compares with nearly 400 million bushels of 1949-crop corn put under support through June 1950.

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Helping farmers put into use better methods of conservation which fit in with current production needs is one of the major functions of the Agricultural Conservation Program.

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The bee population in the Midwest has been estimated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture at about 3 percent under a year ago in this part of the country July 1. An above average honey crop is expected.

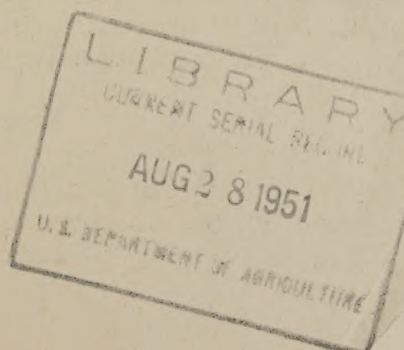
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It takes about 5 times as much hand labor on the farm to produce a given gross income from cotton as from wheat, and about $3\frac{1}{2}$ times as much as for corn.

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North Dakota farmers are raising about one-sixth more chickens this year than last year, reports the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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Secretary of Agriculture Brannan urges farmers to harvest all available 1951 hay and pasture seed to assure sufficient future supplies of forage for expanding livestock production.

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More than 8.6 million children took part in the National School Lunch Program during the 1950-51 school year, the Department of Agriculture reports.

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Production reports from the farmers who grow cotton, soybeans, and peanuts in the U. S. and those who produce hogs point to larger supplies of lard and edible vegetable oils ahead for the U. S. consumer at lower prices, the Department of Agriculture advises.

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Livestock and crop production prospects as of midyear indicate that food supplies available to civilians for consumption during the latter half of 1951 will be somewhat larger than a year earlier, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

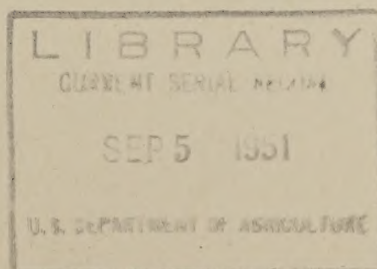
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Soil and water conservation practices which the farmers of the nation have carried out in the past under the Agricultural Conservation Program have checked erosion, conserved moisture, and improved the soil to make possible the present high production from the land.

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Carry-over stocks of wheat on July 1 were the fourth largest of record and nearly five times as large as in 1947, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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Old Man Weather has reduced 1951 crop prospects below farmers' goals for such major crops as corn, wheat, and barley, but the outlook is for production 34 percent above the 1923-32 average - the second largest all-crop volume.

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Foods featured on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's "Plentiful List" for September include: Grapes, canned apples and applesauce, beets, cabbage, potatoes, processed citrus juices, broilers and fryers, cottage cheese, nonfat dry milk solids, and peanut butter.

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North Dakota's lamb crop increased this year for the first time since 1942, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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The soil and water conservation practices which farmers of the Nation have been carrying out on their own farms since 1936 have had an important part in making possible the favorable crop conditions this summer, the Production and Marketing Administration emphasizes.

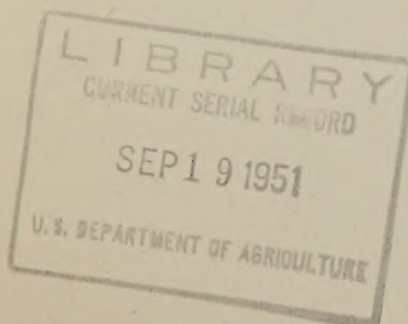
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U. S. grain exports during the 1950-51 marketing year - just ended - totaled 607.5 million bushels, the Department of Agriculture estimates. During 1949-50, the total was less than 484 million bushels.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program was established to help farmers take care of the land so there will be enough food to meet today's needs and at the same time protect and build the land so there will be enough food for the 200 million U. S. population expected in 1975.

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Farmers now need 15 percent more new farm machinery than they received in 1949, and they require 20 percent more repair and replacement parts than were available to them in the same period, according to a survey recently made in all of the agricultural counties in the United States.

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Turkey producers in North Dakota are raising 25 percent more turkeys in 1951 than they did in 1950, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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The Production and Marketing Administration has reserved 10 million pounds of dry edible beans from Commodity Credit Corporation stocks acquired in price support program operations and over nine million pounds of nonfat dry milk solids from CCC for distribution to schools participating in the National School Lunch Program.

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Mobilizing the farm plant for production in 1952 calls for looking ahead and laying out the farming operations for next year now, the Production and Marketing Administration emphasizes.

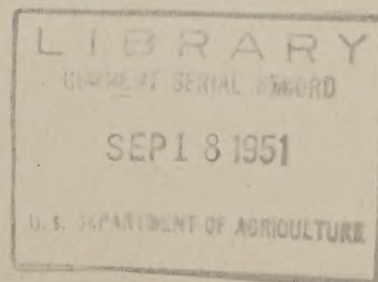
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After September 30, all construction involving the use of more than certain amounts of steel, copper, and aluminum will require Government approval, the Production and Marketing Administration reminds farmers.

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The value of soil and water conservation carried out under the Agricultural Conservation Program is many times the amount of money provided as assistance to cooperating farmers.

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